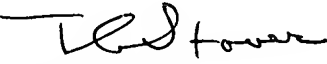


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In re Divisional Application of  
Gerald W. Iseler et al  
Filed herewith and based on  
Application Serial No. 10/131,458  
Filed: 23 April 2002  
For: **GROWTH OF UNIFORM CRYSTALS**

Group Art Unit: 1765  
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1 of the Specification, under "RELATED APPLICATIONS" insert the following as a second sentence:

--This Application is a Divisional of co-pending application, Serial No. 10/131,458, filed on 25 April 2002, having the same title.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

The claims herein are amended or otherwise treated as listed below.

1-10 (*canceled*)

11 (*previously presented*): An apparatus for bottom seeding crystal growth comprising,